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Mr. Charles Thuaire
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London Borough of Camden
Town Hall
Judd Street
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Dear Mr. Thuaire,

SUBJECT: OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION No. 2019/0730/P JACK STRAW'S CASTLE, 12 NORTH END NW3 7ES (APPLICANT: HEATHSIDE SCHOOL).

By way of this letter I wish to give the London Borough of Camden formal notice of my objection to the above premises being granted any form of planning permission for use as a school/educational establishment.

To grant such planning permission would be irresponsible in terms of both physical danger and health to pupils, staff and other persons who would need to access and egress the premises throughout the day at this extremely busy traffic interchange.

Also, the granting of such will clearly exacerbate the already heavy traffic congestion situation during both early and late commuter hours.

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I do not think it is necessary for me to repeat the numerous valid reasons behind this objection, which I fully agree with, since these have already been clearly documented by the Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum.

One point, however, I would like to make is that maybe it is now time that Heathside School started to think about looking towards a single, purpose-built site in order that all departments and disciplines be bought together.

This school is clearly on an expansion trail and one only has to ask for how much longer will it be able to take over and move into any more buildings in the immediate area?

Currently the school operates from six separate sites throughout Hampstead and although there is currently no space within the NW3 area to provide this as a new-build, nor does there appear to be any vacant buildings large enough to accommodate a one-site school of this size, I cannot see that there would be a problem in relocating outside, but near to NW3 ,as long as a suitable property can be sourced.

Please keep me informed in this matter.



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